

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-140 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly two distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application, and has required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-14, 21-40, 47-66 and 73-140, drawn to process and apparatus for determining angular orientation of a golf club shaft using a vibration generator.

Group II: Claims 15-20, 41-46 and 67-72, drawn to process and apparatus for measuring asymmetry of a golf club shaft using a force transducer.

Applicants' Election

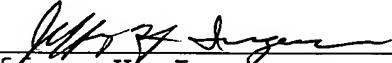
Applicants provisionally elect, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (claims 1-14, 21-40, 47-66 and 73-140).

Applicants hereby traverse the restriction requirement to the following extent:

Applicants believe that better characterizations of the Group I and Group II inventions are "determining a characteristic of a golf club shaft using a vibration generator," and "determining a characteristic of a golf club shaft using a force transducer," and that using those characterizations, at least claims 17, 18, 43, 44, 69 and 70 link Groups I and II. Accordingly, if applicants' characterizations are adopted and any of the linking claims

are allowed, then at least some of the Group II claims, as defined in MPEP § 809, must be rejoined to the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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